

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application, as amended. Claim 7 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added to the application by the amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, as amended.

The drawings have been objected to because the "network terminating station device" in Fig. 1 has no reference number and is not specifically identified in the text of the specification.

The "network terminating station device" shown in Fig. 1 is referred to at page 5, lines 17-33 and page 6, line 29 to page 7, line 1 in the specification. In the present invention, the telephone stations 12, 20 could comprise any device or object which may be connected to or be an integral part of a communication network to allow for the initiation, receipt and interaction of audio and/or visual information. Thus, showing that the telephone station 20 could optionally be any "network terminating station device", as shown in Fig. 1, is supported in the specification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Office Action states that the use of the term "remotely located" is indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 7 has been amended and no longer recites that the means for changing, updating or deleting the announcement is remotely located from the means for playing, even though the specification (page 12, line 30 et seq.) discloses that the controller is connected to a modem and capable of interacting with the message generator, which implies being "remotely located". Since claim 7 no longer recites the alleged indefinite language, claim 7 is no longer indefinite. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 7 under §112 be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 8 have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,321,740. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Quantum Systems Inc., the assignee of the present application, is also the assignee of the entire right, title and interest of U.S. Patent No. 5,321,740. A duly executed and timely filed Terminal Disclaimer which complies with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b) is submitted herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection for obviousness-type double patenting be withdrawn.

The drawings were objected to by the Draftsperson on the form PTO 948. Applicant will file formal drawings upon allowance of the application.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-11 have been indicated as allowable over the prior art of record. In view of the foregoing amendment and discussion, it is

respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 1-11, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

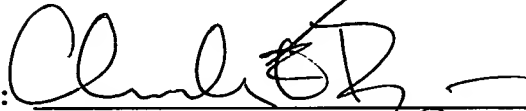
Respectfully submitted,

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